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WIRES:

(1) REUTERS (NELSON): AT MOSCOW AIRPORT SECRETARY SAID
"I'VE COME HERE FOR SERIOUS TALKS." HE ADDED, "I WOULDN'T
HAVE COME HERE IF I DIDN'T MEAN IT." SENIOR OFFICIAL ABOARD
PLANE SAID CONTINUED SOVIET SUPPORT OF 8,000 CUBANS IN
ANGOLA COULD JEOPARDIZE SALT AGREEMENT. OFFICIAL SAID,
HOWEVER, THAT THE U.S.-SUPPORTED FORCES IN ANGOLA ALREADY
APPEARED TO BE ON THE WAY TO DEFEAT. EVEN IF THE SOVIET
UNION WANTED TO ACCEDE TO U.S. DEMANDS. IT MAY BE ALREADY
TOO LATE, HE SAID. HOWEVER, OFFICIAL SAID HE DID NOT EXPECT
THE SOVIETS TO ABANDON THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE MPLA IN ANGOLA,
AND ADDED THAT SUCH A POSITION COULD RESULT IN U.S. DIS-
PLEASURE WHICH WOULD INEVITABLY AFFECT BILATERAL U.S.-SOVIET
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RELATIONS. EVEN IF SECRETARY BREAKS DEADLOCK IN ARMS TALKS

DURING HIS VISIT HERE, U.S. ANGER OVER ANGOLA COULD FRUSTRATE COMPLETION AND RATIFICATION OF RESULTING AGREEMENT FORMALIZING THE 1974 VLADIVOSTOK ACCORD, OFFICIAL ADDED. SECRETARY KISSINGER GAVE THE SOVIET UNION NEW PROPOSALS LAST WEDNESDAY ON HOW TO COUNT THE NEWLY DEVELOPED U.S. CRUISE MISSILE AND WHAT ITS RANGE SHOULD BE, THE OFFICIAL SAID.

OTHER U.S. PROPOSALS CONCERN DEFINITIONS OF LIGHT AND HEAVY MISSILES, RESTRICTIONS ON EASILY CONCEALED MOBILE MISSILE LAUNCHERS, AND RESTRICTIONS ON SOVIET BASING OF NEW BACKFIRE BOMBER, WHICH IS CAPABLE OF HITTING U.S. TARGETS ON ONE-WAY SUICIDE MISSIONS, THE OFFICIAL SAID.

HE REFUSED TO PREDICT SUCCESS FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS, SAYING THE OUTCOME COULD BE A CONTINUED STALEMATE. PRESSED TO DEFINE WHAT SECRETARY MEANT BY THE U.S. REFUSAL TO ACCEPT SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA, OFFICIAL SAID THE UNITED STATES WOULD REACT AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION IN SOME OTHER AREA OF THE U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONSHIP. . .

(2) UPI (DANILOFF): BEFORE DEPARTING COPENHAGEN, SECRETARY WAS BRIEFING BY JOERGENSEN ON JUST-COMPLETED CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN SOCIALIST LEADERS. SECRETARY RESTATED U.S. CONCERN THAT COMMUNISTS, IN COALITION WITH SOCIALISTS, MIGHT GAIN KEY POSITIONS IN SUCH COUNTRIES AS ITALY, PORTUGAL AND SPAIN. BUT SECRETARY ADDED, "I AGREE IT IS UP TO EACH GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE HOW TO PROCEED."

(UPI - DANILOFF FROM MOSCOW): "I HAVE COME HERE FOR SERIOUS TALKS AND I WOULD NOT HAVE COME IF I DID NOT THINK WE COULD MAKE PROGRESS," SECRETARY SAID AFTER HIS AIR FORCE JET SET DOWN IN MOSCOW. . . SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL ON SECRETARY'S PLANE SAID THERE WAS NO FIRM ASSURANCE OF ANY BREAKTHROUGH IN THE STALLED SALT TALKS. OFFICIAL LISTED THREE POSSIBLE OUTCOMES OF MOSCOW MEETINGS: CONTINUED STALEMATE, MODEST PROGRESS, OR AT BEST, AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE WITH PROLONGED NEGOTIATIONS TO FOLLOW. OFFICIAL ADDED THAT CONFRONTATION OVER SOVIET INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA WAS SERIOUS AND, IF UNRESOLVED, COULD TORPEDO SOVIET UNCLASSIFIED

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LEADER LEONID BREZHNEV'S PLANNED VISIT TO WASHINGTON, POSTPONED LAST YEAR AND NOW EXPECTED THIS SPRING. . . SECRETARY PLANNED TO WARN BREZHNEV THAT IF THEY FAIL TO SOLVE THE ANGOLAN ISSUE, THE PROBLEM COULD UNRAVEL ALL U.S.-SOVIET DETENTE, THE OFFICIAL SAID. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL, SECRETARY ALSO CARRIED WITH HIM A LIST OF 250 AMERICAN FAMILIES WITH RELATIVES IN THE SOVIET UNION TRYING TO EMIGRATE. SECRETARY PLANNED TO HAND THE SOVIETS

THE LIST IN A BID TO SPEED THEIR REUNIFICATION. . .

(3) AP - NOTHING ON AFTERNOON WIRES FROM SCHWEID.

NEWSPAPERS:

(1) LATIMES (JOHNSTON): "MAIN FOCUS OF SECRETARY'S PUBLIC TRAVAIL IN RECENT WEEKS HAS APPEARED TO BE ANGOLA. . . BUT IF SECRETARY FINALLY YIELDS TO HIS ENEMIES IN THIS ELECTION YEAR AND RESIGNS FROM CABINET BEFORE TERM IS UP, HE WILL MORE LIKELY BE REACTING TO FAILURE IN HIS QUEST FOR NEW STRATEGIC ARMS TREATY WITH THE SOVIET UNION. . .

ADVANCE SIGNALS FROM THE RUSSIANS SUGGEST THAT THEY ARE RECEPTIVE TO NEW PROPOSALS U.S. HANDED SOVIETS LAST WEEK. NEVERTHELESS, THE PROSPECTS FOR A NEW ARMS LIMITATION TREATY THAT CAN BE SOLD POLITICALLY TO THE SENATE IN AN ELECTION YEAR ARE DUBIOUS. DETENTE. . . IS UNDER ACTIVE ATTACK FROM PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES IN BOTH PARTIES, AND FROM LEFT AS WELL AS RIGHT.

MORE IMPORTANT, IN THE VIEW OF VARIETY OF ARMS EXPERTS . . REMAINING ISSUES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND SOVIETS AT THE ARMS TALKS ARE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO RESOLVE WITHOUT AMBIGUITY. . . YET IN THE CURRENT CLIMATE OF RECRIMINATION HERE, IN WHICH ALLEGED SOVIET VIOLATIONS OF THE 1972 ARMS AGREEMENT HAVE BECOME POLITICAL WEAPONS AGAINST KISSINGER AND HIS OFFICE, AMBIGUITY IN A NEW TREATY COULD BE FATAL.

PREVAILING VIEW IN ADMINISTRATION, SHARED BY FOREIGN POLICY ADVISERS IN WHITE HOUSE, CIVILIAN BUREAUCRACY AT PENTAGON, AND KISSINGER INTIMATES AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT, IS THAT WELL-REASONED DEFENSE OF A NEW ARMS AGREEMENT WILL EVEN-
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TUALLY PREVAIL IN THE SENATE. FOR THIS REASON, AMONG OTHERS, FORD DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH NEW ATTEMPT AT ARMS TREATY NOW, RATHER THAN WAIT UNTIL NOVEMBER.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT ADMINISTRATION NEVERTHELESS WOULD LIKE TO PUT OFF FORMAL RATIFICATION OF TREATY UNTIL AFTER ELECTION DAY. EVEN THIS PLOY, WHICH SECRETARY IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE ENDORSED, WOULD NOT PREVENT BITTER PUBLIC DEBATE OVER TERMS OF TREATY AS SOON AS IT IS COMPLETED, SINCE,
ACCORDING TO SECRETARY'S TIMETABLE, AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE NOW COULD PRODUCE DETAILED TREATY READY FOR SIGNING IN ABOUT THREE MONTHS, WHEN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY CAMPAIGNS ARE IN FULL SWING. . .

TV:

(1) NBC EVENING NEWS: CHANCELLOR - "THERE WAS REACTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST TROUBLES TODAY FROM SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER, WHO LANDED IN MOSCOW TO BEGIN ARMS TALKS WITH THE RUSSIANS. OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT, RICHARD VALERIANI, IS WITH KISSINGER. HERE IS HIS REPORT:"

VALERIANI: "EARLIER HE TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE IN COPENHAGEN THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD WARNED ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AGAINST ANY ONE-SIDED ACTION THAT WOULD LEAD TO AN EXPANSION OF THE FIGHTING. KISSINGER EMPHASIZED THE UNITED STATES WOULD OPPOSE ANY UNILATERAL ACTION IN LEBANON THAT LED TO AN EXPANSION OF THE HOSTILITIES. AND HE CALLED ON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO BRING ABOUT AN END TO THE CIVIL STRIFE THERE."

(2) CBS EVENING NEWS: CRONKITE - "FOR THE FIRST TIME AMERICAN OFFICIALS ADMIT THAT THE U.S.-SUPPORTED GROUPS IN ANGOLA CANNOT WIN AGAINST THE SOVIET-BACKED POPULAR MOVEMENT. SENIOR OFFICIALS TRAVELING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER IN MOSCOW AT THE SAME TIME SAY THAT THE U.S. IS NOT RECONCILED TO THE IDEA OF DEFEAT, SUGGESTING THAT KISSINGER MAY PUSH FOR A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN ANGOLA. HE'S IN MOSCOW FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON LIMITING STRATEGIC ARMS."

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(3) ABC - NOTHING FROM DUNSMORE. FIRST SEGMENT OF KOPPEL INTERVIEW WITH SECRETARY BEING SENT SEPTTEL.

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